THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) After the announcement of New Industrial Policy in July, 1991, approvals have been given by the Government as well as Reserve Bank of India for a total of 1062 foreign collaboration proposals till the end of March, 1992. Of these, 364 proposals envisage direct foreign investment of Rs. 1256.89 crores by foreign companies in the form of equity Indian companies. As against this total foreign collaboration approved in the corresponding period in 1990-91 was 364 and of these 100 were for financial collaboration involving foreign investment of Rs. 94.07 crores. Policy initiatives liberalising the provisions and simplifying the procedure relating to foreign investment initiated by the Government have generated considerable interest amongst foreign investors.

The details of approved foreign collaboration proposals *viz.*, name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, the nature of collaboration and items of manufacture are published on a regular basis by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi as a supplement to its Monthly Newsletter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

Setting up of Profit Earning PSU(s)

1231. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to set up new profit earning public sector units in place of the sick PSUs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exports by Small Scale Units

1232. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what percentage of contribution is made by Small Scale Units out of the total export in terms of value and volume directly and indirectly;

(b) what is the contribution of Small Scale Units in industrial production directly and indirectly;

(c) what is the percentage of advances are being given by the commercial banks to small sector/sector, medium and heavy industry sector indicating the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that export may be increased to an appreciable extent if proper advances are made by the banks to small scale units for improving their contribution; and

(e) what corrective steps Government propose to take to increase the industrial growth through S.S.I. and Cottage Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Direct exports from the small scale sector has been reportedly around 28% of the total exports in value terms during the year 1990-91. The statistics of exports from the small scale sector in terms of volume and in terms of indirect exports are not maintained.

(b) The share of small scale sector is estimated to be about 35% of the gross value of output in the manufacturing sector.

(c) The amount outstanding against the small scale sector, as defined by RBI, on 31st March, 1990, was of the order of Rs. 15,969.36 crores against a reportedly total outstanding of Rs. 53,805 crores to the total industrial sector.

(d) Adequate and timely advances would help small scale units in improving their levels of production and exports.

(e) The Policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises, laid on the Table of the House on 6-8-1991, are intended to impart more vitality and growth impetus to the small scale industries.